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SUBJECT:ISRAELI RAIDS INTO LEBANON.

1. FOLLOWING TELCON WITH AMB. GODLEY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM PHONED FOREIGN MINISTER NAFFA IN NEW YORK AND RE-ITERATED APPEAL THAT LEBANON FOREGO SC MEETING. BUFFUM REMINDED NAFFA WE ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF DAYAN'S PUBLIC THREATS AGAINST LEBANON AND HOPED HAVE EARLY RESPONSE. HOWEVER, BUFFUM ARGUED, SHOULD LEBANESE INSIST ON PUBLIC DEBATE AT UN, OUR EFFORTS WILL BE UNDERMINED SINCE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT UNLIKELY DISAVOW DAYAN IF FORCED TO TAKE PUBLIC STAND. THEREFORE WE URGE LEBANESE GIVE OUR PRIVATE DIPLOMACY A CHANCE TO WORK.

2. NAFFA APPRECIATED OUR EFFORTS BUT REGISTERED REAL CONCERN THAT DAYAN'S STATEMENTS TOO DANGEROUS TO GO UNNOTICED AND SAID GOL WOULD BE FOUND DELIQUENT BY LEBANESE PUBLIC IF

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IT FAILED SEIZE COUNCIL OF SUCH THREAT.

3. BUFFUM INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF LEBANON'S PROBLEM BUT SAID GOL MORE LIKELY TO GET SATISFACTION ON THE GROUND IF THEY LET US PURSUE OUR EFFORTS THAN FORCE PUBLIC CONFRONTATION WHERE ISRAEL WOULD JUST DIG IN ITS HEELS. SINCE WE EXPECTED ANSWER SOON WE URGED NAFFA HOLD OFF REQUESTING MEETING UNTIL HE RECEIVED FURTHER WORD FROM US.

4. NAFFA SAID UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES HE WOULD WAIT UNTIL THIS EVENING BEFORE MAKING A MOVE. HE ALSO INDICATED GOL PUBLIC POSITION WOULD BE GREATLY STRENGTHENED IF HE COULD HOLD PERSONAL DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY AS REASSURANCE THAT US GIVING MATTER TOP LEVEL ATTENTION AND REMAINED GENUINELY CONCERNED FOR LEBANON'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. BUFFUM PROMISED CONVEY REQUEST TO SECRETARY. KISSINGER

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